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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, REPLY TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY,  
AND REQUEST FOR UPDATED FILING RECEIPT**

**In the Abstract**

Please amend the application to include the abstract attached to this preliminary amendment.

**In the Specification**

Please replace the first paragraph of this application with the following paragraph in clean form.

a This application is a continuation-in-part of a United States patent application entitled "Hybrid-Scanning Spectrometer" filed March 26, 2001, serial no. 09/817,785, which is herein incorporated by reference.

**REMARKS**

This amendment is in reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed October 15, 2001. It is also intended to provide the office with the serial number of the parent of this application.